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TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.), XA, OTRA

SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S TRIP TO AFRICA

REF: (A) DAR ES SALAAM 1162; (B) DAR ES SALAAM 1148;

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1. WE HAVE GIVEN CAREFUL CONSIDERATION TO YOUR SUGGESTIONS
CONTAINED REFTEL A.

2. AS YOU KNOW, PREPARING AND ORGANIZING SECRETARY'S TRIP
TO AFRICA HAS BEEN COMPLICATED BY NUMEROUS FACTORS
INCLUDING REGIONAL AND LANGUAGE BALANCE, COORDINATION OF
APPEARANCE AT UNCTAD, SECRETARY'S COMMITMENTS HERE, LONG
DISTANCES OF SOME LEGS OF TRIP AND FITTING SCHEDULE TO
PRESENCE IN THEIR COUNTRIES OF SEVERAL CHIEFS OF STATE. IN
FACT DETERMINATION TO START IN EAST AFRICA WAS LAREGLY
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DICTATED BY PRESIDENT NYERERE'S PLANS TO LEAVE TANZANIAOR

EUROPE APRIL 27.

3. TO CHANGE SCHEDULE AS YOU SUGGEST WOULD MEAN EXTRA REFUELING STOP ON WAY TO DAR AND THEN REQUIRE RETURNING TO NAIROBI AND THEN ON TO LUSAKA. CONCEIVABLY WE COULD ELIMINATE SEPARATE STOP IN NAIROBI, LIMITING VISIT TO THAT

PLANNED AT END OF TRIP. HOWEVER, WE WISH TO MAKE DISTINCTION BETWEEN BILATERAL STOP APRIL 25 AND RETURN FOR UNCTAD WHEN GOK AUTHORITIES WOULD BE HEAVILY OCCUPIED WITH CONFERENCE. SECONDLY THIS WOULD CREATE COMPLICATIONS AT OTHER STOPS GIVEN TRAVEL PLANS OF SOME CHIEFS OF STATE.

4. WE UNDERSTAND THAT UNION DAY IS NOT GIVEN SAME IMPORTANCE IN DAR AS INDEPENDENCE DAY AND IS HIGHLIGHTED BY PARADE AT WHICH NYERERE HAS NOT ALWAYS MADE A SPEECH.

5. ALL THINGS CONSIDERED THEN WE PREFER TO MAINTAIN SCHEDULE. YOU SHOULD TELL MUGANDA WE VERY MUCH APPRECIATE HIS GOVT'S FLEXIBILITY IN AGREEING TO VISIT AS SCHEDULED DESPITE NATIONAL HOLIDAY. WE ASSUME PRESIDENT NYERERE WILL BE ABLE TO GIVE DINNER FOR SECRETARY ON APRIL 25. YOU MAY DRAW ON PARA 2 ABOVE IN EXPLAINING OUR PREFERENCES, AND STRESS THAT IN PLANNING TRIP WE CONSTANTLY KEPT IN MIND PRES. NYERERE'S OWN TRAVEL PLANS. WE WOULD ASSUME THAT THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR CELEBRATION OF UNION DAY WOULD NOT GIVE RISE TO SITUATIONS, SUCH AS PUBLIC STATEMENTS OR OTHER MANIFESTATIONS, WHICH WOULD BE EMBARRASSING TO US OR SECRETARY DURING HIS VISIT.

6. RE REFTTEL (C) SECRETARY WOULD PREFER TO CONCLUDE ALL BILATERALS ON FIRST NAIROBI STOP IF POSSIBLE. KISSINGER

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